

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5-19 and 27-32 are pending in the present application. Claims 4 and 20-26 are canceled herein. Claims 1, 5, 10 and 27 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2004/0008757 to Ulupinar, *et al.* (hereinafter “Ulupinar”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,640,698 to Shen, *et al.* (hereinafter “Shen”). Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over Ulupinar and Shen, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 2002/0012409 to Kazakevich, *et al.* (hereinafter “Kazakevich”). Claims 20 and 22-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,616,254 to Raphaeli, *et al.* (hereinafter Raphaeli”) in view of U.S. Patent No. RE 38,603 to Kim, *et al.* (hereinafter “Kim”). Claims 21, 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over Raphaeli and Kim, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 2001/0033611 to Grimwood, *et al.* (hereinafter “Grimwood”). Claim 27 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over Ulupinar, Shen, Raphaeli, Kim, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 2002/0064245 to McCorkle (hereinafter “McCorkle”). Claims 28 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over Ulupinar, Shen, Raphaeli, Kim, and McCorkle, and further in view of Grimwood. Claims 30-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over Ulupinar, Shen, Raphaeli, Kim, McCorkle, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 2006/0166619 to Roberts (hereinafter “Roberts”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-7 and 10-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 27 to incorporate the elements of claim 4, which has been canceled. Applicants have also rewritten claim 10 in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10 and 27, as amended, are allowable.

Claims 2, 3, 5-9, 11-19, and 28-32 depend from claims 1, 10 and 27, respectively, and add further limitations. It is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are allowable by reason of depending from an allowable claim as well as for adding new limitations.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicant's attorney, Ron Neerings, at 972-917-5229 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, should one be deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge, or credit any overpayment, Deposit Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

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